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At a meeting held by Beaver Lodge No. 35, I. O. O. F., last night the following officers were elected to serve during the coming year: Noble grand, W. F. Jones; vice grand, J. L. Kline; recording secretary, Olof Anderson; financial secretary, John Hahn; treasurer, C. S. Wright. The newly elected officers will be installed at the last meeting in December.

Tomorrow afternoon at A. F. C. park the Astoria high school football team will meet the Portland high school team. The local eleven has been practicing faithfully for the game and expects to give the visitors a close run. That the match will be the most exciting ever played between school teams in this city is the opinion of enthusiasts. The receipts of the game will be devoted to the high school library.

Thanksgiving was generally observed in Astoria. Nearly all the large stores were closed all day, and barber shops were shut up at noon. In some of the churches there were special services. The morning dawned brightly, but the rain soon again fell in torrents and the day proved a decidedly wet one. Commercial was really fortunate in its failure to secure a game yesterday, for the wet weather would have prevented the crowd from turning out to see a football match.

Much surprise was expressed in this city that six vessels should have passed the waterlogged Webfoot without having sighted her. One of the north-bound steamers, presumably the Redondo, which reached Astoria Tuesday evening, was within a mile of the derelict. The passing masters probably did not see the derelict, although the survivors say they were near enough to be plainly seen. When the Grace Dollar was wrecked off the mouth of the river Captain Olsen made similar

complaint, a collier having passed him without an offer of aid in response to the Dollar's distress signals.

Captain Cehradar of the steamer Sue H. Elmore reports that the recent storms have closed up the south channel at the entrance to Tillamook bay. The Elmore was barbound there for more than a month. When the weather finally cleared up the steamer started for sea, taking the south channel, which had been used for a long time. But Captain Schrader found only eight feet of water there. He then tried the north channel and discovered that it had opened up again. But for the delay occasioned in this manner the Elmore would have picked up the Webfoot. When she got to sea the Elder was signaling to the disabled vessel.

The old schooner Webfoot has been running in the coastwise trade for 35 years or more. She was built at Coos bay in 1869 and was launched as a barkentine. This rig was maintained for a number of years, and then altered to that of a brigantine. Later on the rig was again changed to that of a three-masted schooner. The vessel had almost outlived her usefulness and old age was her undoing. She has paid for herself many times over. It is probable she has made her last trip, although it has not yet been announced whether or not she will be repaired. The O. R. & N. Co. will have a salvage claim against her, the Wallula having picked her up and the Elder rendered her assistance. Both vessels belong to the O. R. & N. Co. and are entitled to compensation. As the vessel was worth but little, the claim can not well be a large one.

According to Maj. W. C. Langfitt the Columbia river bar has a depth of 24 feet at the low water state, three feet higher than it was at the time government soundings were taken in June. The jetty and the dredge Chinook are given credit for securing the increased depth. The engineers have been making a survey of the bar at odd intervals for the past two months. As yet the work has not been completed, and an official report of the matter will probably not be made until the end of another week. But the major declares that he has enough material at hand to convince him that the jetty and dredge have brought about some very desirable results. The extension of the jetty, however, is looked upon as being the great solution to the bar problem. With a depth of 24 feet at the low water mark in the channel it is declared by the shippers that vessels

of 32 feet draught can easily enter the river during a flood tide. When the jetty is extended to the point desired the engineers believe that the bar will not give any further trouble.

A large number of delegates to the National Grange, which has been in session at Portland, arrived down on yesterday's train and went over to Seaside to spend Thanksgiving. The day was not an agreeable one, but the sun rolled high and the visitors enjoyed their outing. They came up from the beach last evening and returned to Portland, where the session of the grange will be continued today.

G. W. Paul, agent of the Portland board of the Seamen's union, arrived in the city last night for the purpose of looking after the surviving members of the crew of the schooner Webfoot. All of the men lost their clothing and each is entitled to a union benefit of \$50. Should the bodies of the three lost men be recovered there will be a funeral benefit for each of \$85. The Webfoot's sailors each has \$70 in wages due him. The local trades council will co-operate with Mr. Paul in looking after the interests of the men from the standpoint of humanity. Mr. Paul will also investigate the condition of the union men employed on the Chinook. He states that there is no dissension among the Chinook's men and that his visit is purely a formal one. He expects to be in the city for a few days.

The Thanksgiving day exercises at the high school proved most successful and a number of parents attended. The program was an interesting one and the students, especially Miss Gertrude Uphur, acquitted themselves creditably. The program was as follows: Song, "Thanksgiving Cheer," by the school; reading, "The President's Message," Albert Grossman; exercise, "A Thanksgiving Lesson," pupils of room 3; recitation, "The First Thanksgiving Day," Emma Wooten; recitation, "The Rainy Day," Miss Gertrude Uphur; exercise, "Three Little Maidens," pupils of room 1; recitation, "Thanksgiving at the Farm," Martin Nelson; instrumental duet, Misses Maude Ross and Mildred Smith; dialogue, "What Is Thanksgiving Day For?" pupils of room 2; recitation, "Thanksgiving," Kate Wood; recitation, "Glad Thanksgiving," Crystal Busing; exercise, "The Color Fairy," 14 pupils of room 1; song, "Thanksgiving Day," pupils of room 4.

Councilman Kaboth waxed exceedingly sarcastic at the adjourned meeting of the council Wednesday night. The proposal had been advanced that the street committee might unofficially order alteration of the plans for improving Franklin avenue in the east end. Mr. Kaboth said the committee on fire and water had been anxious to assume several additional burdens, such as conducting the fire department, and that the health and police committee had been invited to run the police department; but, as a member of the street committee, he protested against the council imposing any such responsibility on that body as was contained in the suggestion with reference to the Franklin avenue repair. Mr. Kaboth was of the opinion that the council should bear a burden of this sort. City Attorney Smith does not desire to verbally advise the street committee as to its authority in the matter, but will render a written report. The council is very anxious to make the necessary repair at Thirty-eighth street, but will not leave any loophole by which the cost of the work, something like \$12,500, could be thrown upon the city. The alteration necessary would cost perhaps not more than \$100, but the proposal involves the contract price. Mr. Lebeck expressed the belief that the city should force the contractor to make the repair, as in this manner the city could not be held liable. The contractor could probably be forced to build the 60 feet of trestle necessary, for the council could refuse to accept the street until the work was done. However, another way will be found to deal satisfactorily with the matter.

There is no doubt locally as to the fate of the three sailors who left the waterlogged Webfoot Tuesday afternoon, as she rolled around in the sea off Tillamook rock. The men had eaten nothing for four days when they took to the small boat in a forlorn attempt to reach shore and secure assistance, and, if their frail craft withstood the fury of the storm, its occupants must have perished ere this of hunger and thirst, or have frozen to death. The weather was bitterly cold Tuesday night and again Wednesday night, and it is believed the hapless fellows, could not possibly have survived. There is a remote possibility that some passing steamer picked them up and took them to San Francisco or to the sound. Eight or 10 vessels passed up and down the coast on Tuesday and Wednesday and may have

sighted the shipwrecked mariners, but little hope is entertained that they have survived the terrible ordeal through which they passed. It is considered remarkable that the eight men comprising the crew of the Webfoot lived for five days on the sea-washed cabin of the derelict. The derelict is still at anchor off the O. R. & N. dock. Only the stump of her mizzen mast remains, and her generally dilapidated condition furnishes mute evidence of her unsuccessful struggle with the storm. The vessel will probably be worthless, except for her lumber, some of which is white cedar and quite valuable. Captain Lewis and the surviving members of the crew, who were nearly dead when the Elder reached them, were refreshed after a night's good rest, but the veteran skipper still shows the effects of his long exposure. While he was huddled on top of the cabin with his men he gave his overcoat to the cook, who happens to be short of stature. The coat would afford complete protection to the cook and but partial protection to the captain, and the latter was anxious to get as much service out of it as possible. Because of loss of teeth the captain found it impossible to eat any of the raw potatoes which constituted the crew's stock of provisions, and for this reason fared worse than the others. When the Elder came along and lowered provisions to the shipwrecked men one of them, well-nigh famished, ravenously swallowed five cups of coffee. The captain declined to eat when he arrived in the city, but his men did not follow his example.

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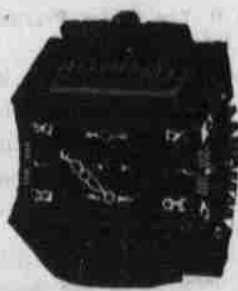
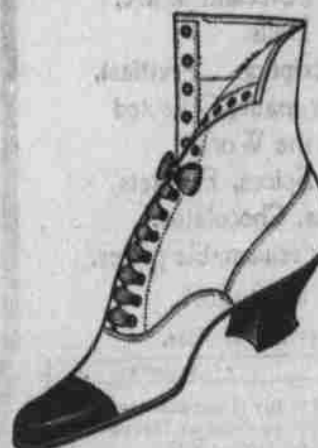
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